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Hitler, Disturbed By Britain's Growing Strength, Plans Tempting Offer To Japan

PLOT TO STOP WAR SUPPLIES FROM U.S.

By A Diplomatic Correspondent

BECAUSE OF THE EVER-INCREASING SUPPLIES OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS COMING TO BRITAIN FROM U.S.A. AND THE EMPIRE, THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND, ANXIOUS AND DOUBTFUL OF THE QUICK VICTORY THEY HAD PLANNED, ARE TO MAKE A DESPERATE MOVE TO TRY TO PREVENT FURTHER SUCH AID REACHING THIS COUNTRY.

This plan—Hitler's last throw to ensure what he hopes will be a rapid and final triumph—aims at spreading the war actively to U.S.A., Canada, Australia, and to British possessions in the Far East.

INFORMATION CONVEYED SECRETLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.A. REVEALS THAT THE BASIS OF THE PLAN IS THE OFFER BY GERMANY TO JAPAN OF AN IMMEDIATE AND "ALL-IN" ALLIANCE.

Terms of the offer, I am informed, include the guarantee of absolute Japanese domination in the Pacific, and the annexation by Japan of the oil-producing Dutch East Indies, French Indo-China, Australia, the Vancouver Province of Canada, and Burma and the Malay States, including the Singapore naval base.

GERMANY EXPECTS—

In return, Japan would be expected immediately to divert American attention and supplies from Europe. This could be done, suggest the Nazis, by Japan creating an incident near the Panama Canal—an incident supported and aggravated by millions of pro-Nazis in U.S.A. and South America.

Germany hopes that the countries and possessions thus threatened would have to reserve all war material for home defence and cease exporting supplies to Britain. Recall of Empire troops from the homeland would also be hoped for.

War supplies reaching Britain is only one reason for the growing uncertainty among Nazi leaders as to the outcome of the struggle.

Another reason is the success of the ceaseless night-and-day R.A.F. raids on Germany, compared to the meagre and mostly abortive results of attacks on Britain by Nazi bombers.

Efforts to keep secret the damage done by R.A.F. bombs have failed to allay the alarm of millions of workers throughout Western Germany, where output, health and morale have been lowered by loss of sleep and by bombing.

BALKAN FEARS

Two other factors are the failure of the Bordeaux surrender to immobilise the whole French Empire, and the success of the Soviet demands on Rumania.

The Nazis now realise that Stalin not only controls the routes of Rumania's oil exports, but also bars effectively the way to the Black Sea.

THE DANGER OF HUNGARY BEING DRAWN INTO A WAR WITH RUMANIA IS ALSO GROWING, AND THIS MIGHT FORCE BOTH HITLER AND MUSSOLINI, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR VASSAL STATE, TO FIGHT IN THE BALKANS, WITH CONSEQUENT WEAKENING OF THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST BRITAIN.

These are the factors which, according to information reaching me from neutral sources, have given rise to the fear among the Nazis that should they fail to break Britain at once supplies of American and Empire war material will, sooner rather than later, turn the tide against them.

DEMOCRACIES ALERT

Britain, the Dominions and U.S.A. are closely watching the possible development of the Nazi plan—an extravagant scheme which offers to Japan "plums" more easily talked of than taken.

It is known that any Japanese action outside Indo-China must be purely naval, and those Japanese units which are reported to be holding manoeuvres at a secret rendezvous in the South Pacific, not far from the Panama Canal, are not so strong as the U.S.A. Fleet which lies between them and their home bases.

Nor is it merely coincidence that American cruisers are showing the flag in all those South American States which have recently had trouble with German Ministers.

Gen. De Gaulle
At His London
Headquarters



No Scrap Shortage Now

R.A.F. GIFT TO ADOLF

HITLER IS NO LONGER SHORT OF SCRAP-IRON FOR HIS ARMAMENT INDUSTRIES. THE R.A.F. BOMBERS HAVE SEEN TO THAT. THEIR DAY AND NIGHT RAIDS ON INDUSTRIAL CENTRES ARE REPORTED BY NEUTRAL OBSERVERS TO HAVE LAID WHOLE AREAS IN RUINS.

BRITAIN'S REVENUE UP

£42,750,000 For
New War Bonds

BRITAIN'S balance-sheet for the first quarter of the 1940-41 financial year, published last night, shows that the total ordinary revenue amounted to £188,169,450, £44,112,673 more than in the first quarter of the previous year.

Expenditure was £264,834,402, an increase of £413,697,154. Lord Simon budgeted for a total revenue for the year of £1,334,391,000, and expenditure £2,865,700,000.

Compared with the quarter ending June 30, 1939, income tax has yielded an increase of £13,053,000, but surtax has decreased by £140,000.

Motor-vehicle duties show an increase of £200,000. A feature of the return is the appearance, among revenue receipts, of the new 2½ per cent. National War Bonds offered to the public last Tuesday. The amount already subscribed totals £20,750,000.

Sales of Savings Certificates during the quarter amounted to £51,250,000, and of 3 per cent. defence bonds £43,600,000.

The whole railway system of Western Germany has been thrown into confusion. That is because practically all the traffic of that area is handled in the great electrically operated marshalling yard at Düsseldorf—and our bombers have blown that yard to smithereens.

Industrial Cologne—according to American observers who have sent first-hand reports home—is in ruins.

So is Hamburg and its docks and warehouses. So are many of the oil-from-coal plants of the famous Hermann Goering Four-Year Plan.

And Hitler's losses in planes since the war began are now estimated at more than 3,000 destroyed, and nearly 2,000 damaged. (See also Page Seven, Columns Seven and Eight)

The French Navy

Do not worry too much about the future of the French Navy. That is all that can be said at the moment.

RUNAWAY ITALIAN WARSHIP SUNK

Cairo, Saturday.

AN OFFICIAL NAVAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE STATES: "BRITISH NAVAL FORCES IN OPERATION IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ON FRIDAY EVENING SIGHTED THREE ENEMY DESTROYERS, WHICH RETIRED AT HIGH SPEED."

"In the ensuing chase one enemy destroyer was sunk. The other two escaped under cover of darkness."

It is believed—although without official confirmation—that there were no British casualties.—Reuter.

According to a communiqué issued by the Admiralty the destroyers, which were Italian, were reported by an R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft.

"Acting on this information our light forces located the enemy and in a running engagement at extreme range sank one enemy destroyer."

Two Submarines Sunk

On top of this loss to the Italian Navy came an Admiralty announcement last night that two more Italian submarines had been sunk.

Both were destroyed by our forces in the East Indies.

POLES JOIN BRITISH

THE Polish Brigade from Syria has joined up with the British forces in Palestine. Six thousand Polish troops with full war equipment have crossed the frontier.

They are under the command of Brigadier Kopanski.

This was revealed in an announcement issued in London yesterday on behalf of the Polish Government.

OUR ENVOY VISITS POPE

Vatican City, Saturday.

THE Pope today received in private audience Mr. Francis D'Arcy Osborne, British Minister to the Holy See.

PETAUN GOVERNMENT

Bordeaux, Saturday.

The French Government is leaving Bordeaux at dawn tomorrow for Clermont-Ferrand, in Central France, it is announced in Bordeaux this evening.—B.U.P.

Police Arrest Lady Mosley

LADY MOSLEY, WIFE OF SIR OSWALD MOSLEY AND SISTER OF MISS UNITY MITFORD, WAS DETAINED UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS BY PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS AT HER HOME, SANEHAY FARM, DENHAM, BUCKS, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Sir Oswald Mosley was arrested and detained some time ago with other prominent members of the British Union of Fascists.

The marriage of Sir Oswald to the former Hon. Diana Mitford, third daughter of Lord Redesdale, was announced in December, 1938, after being kept secret for two years.

The announcement stated: "The Honourable Lady Mosley gave birth to a son on Saturday, November 26 last. Both mother and son are doing well. Lady Mosley is the third daughter of Lord Redesdale."

Sir Oswald married in 1920 Lady Cynthia Curzon, a daughter of the Marquis Curzon of Kedleston. She died in 1933. There were two sons and a daughter of the marriage.

2,000,000 TRAINED MEN READY TO SMASH THEM

How Nazis Hope To Invade Us

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

HITLER AND HIS WAR CHIEFS HAVE PREPARED A MULTIPLE PLAN FOR THE "CONQUEST OF BRITAIN." IT HAS THREE MAIN SECTIONS:—1. BLOCKADE; 2. WRECKING OF BRITISH WAR INDUSTRIES; 3. THE GRAND ASSAULT BY SEA, AIR AND LAND FORCES.

Now Germany Has Her Own Fifth Column Problem

ONE IN FIVE IS ANTI-HITLER

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

HITLER, WHOSE EUROPEAN CONQUESTS WERE MADE EASIER BY ACTIVITIES OF NAZI FIFTH COLUMNISTS, IS NOW FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF COUNTERING THE WORK OF A POWERFUL FIFTH COLUMN INSIDE GERMANY.

Numbering about 20 per cent. of the German population, these Fifth Columnists have become such a menace to the Reich that Himmler, head of the Gestapo, has added thousands of recruits to his terrorist organisation. He has called for at least 100,000 more men.

The active anti-Nazi element is split into four main groups:

(1) The old Junker and Monarchist class;

(2) A rapidly increasing number of Communists;

(3) Certain of the old Social Democrat and Trade Union leaders; and

(4) Ordinary non-political members of the population, including housewives, who are having to see their families go hungry, and mothers, who are only just learning of the gigantic scale on which their sons have been driven by Hitler to slaughter.

Forced Loans

All these groups have different motives. There is no possible chance of their ever uniting. Some of them are not very active. Others are extremely energetic.

But between them all they are exercising a disturbing influence on the structure of the Nazi State, and are presenting Hitler and his leaders with a difficult problem.

Communists, by far the strongest group in opposition to the Nazis, have still more than half a million members on the active list of the party.

Slogans denouncing the "Nazi plutocracy" and demanding a "workers' government" appear nightly in the streets of many towns and cities.

Discontent

In industrial districts like the Ruhr and Hamburg, where whole areas have been devastated by R.A.F. bombers, Communists are finding fruitful ground for their propaganda.

Letters reaching London through secret channels prove how widespread is the discontent among German workers.

It would not be wise, however, to attach too much importance to reports of anti-Nazi activities. Himmler and his Gestapo have a ruthless way of dealing with such opposition.

BALKANS: AXIS MAY STEP IN

ROME radio stated yesterday that it was believed Italy and Germany would intervene in favour of a solution of the "Danubian problem."

Authorised circles in Rome advise Hungary and Bulgaria to wait patiently before pressing their claims against Rumania, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the Italian Stefani Agency.

The view is held, he says, that the moment will come when their claims can be realised peacefully.

There is no change, he adds, in Italian sympathy with Hungary and Bulgaria.—Reuter and A.P. (Russia's mystery advance—see Page Twelve.)

But the "Ironsides" are ready. So are the men of the B.E.F., Overseas Troops, the R.A.F., the Anti-Aircraft units and the Navy.

Hitler is confronted with a very stiff task indeed when he tries to invade these shores!

Actual landing of troops is unlikely to be the first part of the plan put into action—although there have been suggestions in German quarters that this is scheduled for early in July.

CUTTING OFF SUPPLIES

Hitler really believes that he can now blockade Britain. Our authorities think otherwise. But he has had long talks with Grand Admiral Raeder during the last few days, and the Admiral has told him that

From Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium, U-boats and planes can prevent any supplies entering British eastern ports.

From the north coast of France, U-boats and motor torpedo boats can prevent the use of our south coast ports.

From the west coast of France and elsewhere he can prevent any shipping reaching our western ports.

An intensified U-boat campaign has already begun. Scores of motor torpedo boats have come out of their lairs.

But the plan ignores one fact—the British Navy.

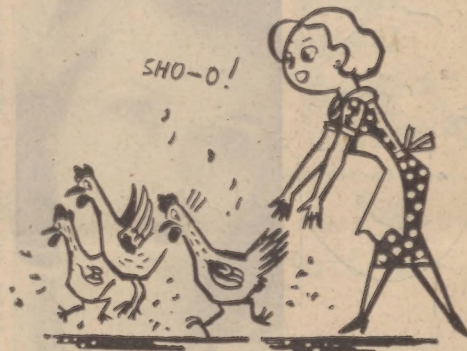
And there is another fact—the aircraft of the British coastal command, which have already shown what havoc they can cause to U-boats.

BORROWING U-BOATS

Hitler's own U-boat fleet, despite the rebuilding that had gone on during recent months, is still smaller than it was at the outbreak of war.

So he hopes to borrow submarines from Italy. They would undoubtedly be useful to him—if they can get through the Straits of Gibraltar.

(Continued on Back Page.)



Eggs are up, but housewives aren't down!

IT'S true eggs are up in price, and they're likely to go still higher. But is the British housewife down? Not she.

Long ago, women discovered a new breakfast that not only has far more energy value than eggs, but is labour-saving as well. You've probably heard of it. It's Kellogg's, better known perhaps as the 30-second breakfast.

How did Kellogg's get this name? It was because, in actual fact, they do take only 30 seconds to serve. You can prove it for yourself. Kellogg's need no cooking—you pour them straight from the packet on to the plate. Think of the saving in fuel! And here's a point for those who value the appearance of their hands—there's no greasy frying-pan or saucepan to scour.

Kellogg's are so crisp and fresh

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The 30-Second Breakfast.

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CONSOLATION GIFTS

Those who have coupons from six or more ½ lb. tins (or the equivalent from tins of other sizes) but not enough for the lowest value gift on their list, are invited to send their coupons in. A consolation gift of chocolate will be sent to them. But coupons from six ½ lb. tins (or the equivalent) are the fewest that can be accepted.

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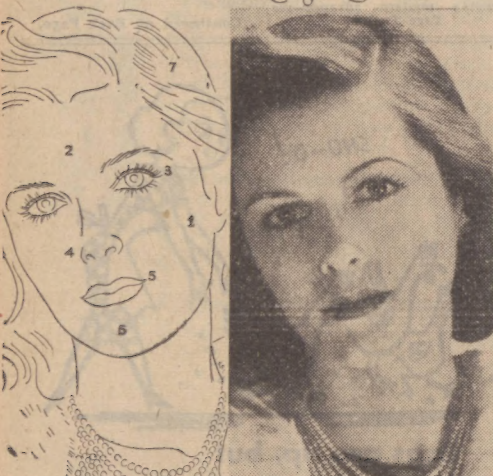
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for sluggish kidney ac-
tion and for relief of the
pain and worry it causes.

These German raids are
planned, not only to delay arms-
production but to break down your
morale.

If it does either, Hitler will win.
If the workers toil on at break-
neck speed and if their families
remain calm, Britain will yet save
the world.

"Nothing could be simpler than my
complexion care—get it does wonders
for my skin" SAYS Lady Kinross



Analysis of Lady Kinross's features

- (1) Shape of Face: Oval, with high, finely-modelled cheek-bones.
- (2) Forehead: High, smooth and very white.
- (3) Eyes: Large, clear blue with a hint of green, fringed with long, up-curling dark lashes. The eyelids very white, smooth and unwrinkled.
- (4) Nose: Small and straight, the skin very fine and even-textured.
- (5) Mouth: Clear-cut, with sensitively moulded lips.
- (6) Chin: Softly rounded, with smooth, fine skin. No blemishes or large pores to spoil its perfection.
- (7) Hair: Dark and silky—a lovely foil for a transparently fair and delicate skin.

For her exquisitely fine skin, Lady Kinross uses only the very simplest of beauty-care. "Simple—yes," she says.

"But it does wonders! Pond's Creams keep my skin in perfect condition with no trouble at all."

These famous creams can safeguard your complexion, too. By using them you can make your skin clearer, finer, smoother than ever before. Pond's Creams cleanse, protect, stimulate and lubricate your skin. After just a few weeks you can see the difference. Big pores close up, little lines and wrinkles are smoothed away, sallowness gives place to fresh, healthy colour. Your skin takes on new brightness, new youthfulness.

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AS HANNEN SWAFFER SEES IT

IASK, with a full sense of responsibility to millions of readers:

"What is happening about the French Fleet? When are we to be told officially that it is safe in our hands?"

"When will there come an end to Treasury control, still slow and time-wasting, still taking a month to make up its mind?"

"Why was it thought necessary for Neville Chamberlain to deny, to American reporters, that Britain was putting out peace feelers?"

"Why, by implication, did the ex-Premier blame our workers for lethargy instead of his own colleagues?"

"Is his repeated phrase, 'Time is on our side,' still the sort of thing he should say when we want more action?"

"WEIGHED in the balance and found wanting."

Those centuries ago, were the words of judgement written on a wall. Today they are the epitaph of France, inscribed on the tombstone of a great republic.

They are to us Britons not only a challenge but a warning.

If the Invader comes, began a pamphlet left at every home.

"What to Do and How to Do It."

When France dug her Maginot Line she dug her own grave. Having sat down in her super-modern trench she waited for the invader.

At last, he came. By that time, her troops were so self-satisfied by the apparent security of a hole in the ground that, when it proved indefensible, they ran away!

BRITAIN, to win the war, must get out of her head that she is on the defensive. She must not encourage her citizens to run to a dugout every time an air-raid warning sounds.

Now can she any longer allow workmen making arms to stop work every time they hear a siren. When bombs actually begin to fall, that is another matter.

At the front, a soldier ran to shelter every time there were threats of a raid—well, what would you say to him?

Today, we are as much at war, every one of us, as were the troops that went to France.

While all reasonable care must be exercised, we must not be encouraged to regard ourselves merely as people seeking self-protection. Each one of us, today, is in the front line—and we must get used to it.

These German raids are planned, not only to delay arms-production but to break down your morale.

If it does either, Hitler will win. If the workers toil on at break-neck speed and if their families remain calm, Britain will yet save the world.

Plain Facts

About The Raids

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N the week ending last Wednesday, there were five raids, one by as many as a hundred bombers. And yet, although they flew over a vast tract of Britain, only 33 people were killed in five nights!

More than three times that number were killed by motorists on the roads, most of them because of the black-out.

The air raids caused fear. The motoring fatalities were regarded with indifference.

If these raids continue on the same scale for a year, that would mean that only 1,716 people would be killed by bombs.

Yet regularly, week after week, year after year, over 26,000 people die annually in England and Wales of tuberculosis.

I never knew people run away from consumption. Nor have I known anyone refuse to cross the road because of dread of motor-cars.

So far, air raids have sent up the death rate only an infinitesimal fraction of 1 per cent.

The way to stop the raiders is not to run away from them, but to intensify the building of British planes, so that, by bombing them, the aerodromes from which the Nazi raiders come, we can smash them before they start.

Our Own "Maginot Line" Bunk

WE know, now, that it was the placency which nearly lost us the war. Our Maginot Line was the English Channel.

"Oh, we are safe on our island," said Self-Complacency, which wasted eight months of Chamberlainism in sitting back and saying how wonderful we were.



HANNEN SWAFFER

had more than doubled, and that in regard to one weapon the output had reached between four and five times the previous production!

Now had this started last September, the war might by now have been half won!

Now we shall soon have in this country more than 1,500,000 men under arms. They are still pouring over from the Dominions.

They are still being called up in group after group.

When the arms are ready—and not till then—we can start an offensive which is the only thing that, by robbing Hitler of the invincibility in the field with which his slaves now credit him, can smash that Nazidom which has ever known.

Drama Spreads To All The World

MEANWHILE, on the broad canvas of the entire world, the great drama is being played.

In Asia, France's colonial possessions are being threatened by Japan. In South America, Nazi plots go on. In Africa, the native troops in Mussolini's colonies are refusing to fight.

In the United States, even the Republicans, who have been isolationists for months, have chosen in Wendell Willkie a candidate who, although the nominee of Big Business, is almost as fervid a pro-Ally as Roosevelt.

Russia, showing an ever-increasing fear of German domination of Europe, has seized territory from the Rumanians, to the humiliation of Mussolini, who long ago threatened what he would do if anything of the kind took place, but who now finds himself a vassal of Hitler and so weak that Russia merely laughs at him.

Now Bolshevism is almost at his doors.

And while allowed by Hitler to claim large territories, Mussolini already finds himself so much the victim of our blockade that he is short of coffee.

And, although the greatest hokey-pokey merchant ever known, he has had to stop the Italians from eating ice-cream more than once a week!

Saving France From Herself!

FRANCE, humiliated and betrayed by Fascist-minded people in her self-appointed government at home—Laval, Flandrin, Bonnet and Pétain, the chief plotters—is now finding unwelcome saviours overseas.

Frenchmen who, with patriotism still inflaming their hearts, have pledged themselves to defend the French dominions to the end.

The French in Syria have laid down their arms. What will happen elsewhere?

The great colonies in Morocco, splendidly built up by that great Frenchman Lyautey, pledged themselves loyal to what was France.

French Indo-China, although

threatened by Japan, said it will hold out.

And in London General de Gaulle, the tank expert to whom Gamelin would not listen, whom Daladier slighted, and to whom Reynaud gave power too late, is forming a Foreign Legion, doing his best to ensure that all the French Fleet still fights on our side, and to assemble all the overseas forces which France still possesses.

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NOW the tragedy of France is indeed a warning to us. The more I meet French refugees, who at the last moment escaped to London, the more shame do I hear.

Their hearts bleed for the plight of their great country.

More and more the grim story is being revealed, how, almost generally speaking, it was only the young soldiers who wanted to fight. Even they were stopped.

Weygand was appointed too late, in Gamelin's place, and even Weygand was Fascist-minded.

Month after month the much-boosted generals came to me, proving how Morrison, Bevin and Beaverbrook, despite the Herculean work they have done, are still hampered by an effete system that must be got rid of once and for all.

Credit And Debit Of The War

ON the credit side, we now have knowledge that, even if Republicans were returned next November, the vast productive potentialities of the United States are ours, even if America never joined in the war.

On the same side, too, there is ever-increasing restlessness in Russia over Hitler's growing strength.

And there is also the apparent inefficiency of Mussolini's forces.

There is counting to our balance, also, the almost inevitable famine that will sweep across the conquered territories this winter—and the illimitable help pledged by our own people overseas.

Yet we have to counter against us the fact that Hitler will soon have under his control the arms factories of France and her great mining resources, while he will more and more enslave the French population so that they shall work against their allies, the British, whom Pétain and his Fascist gang so shamefully betrayed.

Well, at least, we have no longer any broken reeds on which to rely. We have merely our own strength, and that we must develop and use, every ounce, every pound, every man and woman.

Warning From France

THAT is why I demand, in the name of every British person who loves liberty, that there shall be immediately eliminated from every branch of our public life every person who has the slightest sympathy with Fascism of any kind.

I hear disturbing rumours that there are such people in the highest branches of the Civil Service. There are certainly people like that in Parliament.

We should demand from every M.P. who has ever belonged to the Link or the Anglo-German Fellowship or any pro-Nazi sympathy of any kind a public recantation.

And I know of people who still go round whispering, "Oh, we should not reject any peace terms offered by Hitler."

These people think more of their private fortunes than they do of their country. They are our Fifth Column.

Nazidom is a thing with which you cannot make terms, any more than Edgar Hoover could make terms with Al Capone, who finally was sent to Alcatraz, or with a tiger who, in this country, is only safe behind bars in the Zoo.

Then there are the people who, in Parliament, are still plotting. There are back-bench Tory M.P.s who resent the power given to Winston Churchill and his vigorous Ministers, Morrison, Bevin and Beaverbrook.

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THEN there are the Pacifists, people who think it ungodly to speak ill of Hitler and who yet, in "Peace News," say, as J. Middleton Murry did, "Hitler is an ascetic, but Churchill smokes a cigar," and who in last week's issue had not one critical word to say of Nazidom but found fault with Duff Cooper and Major-General Swinton for speaking out.

Two of the best-known Pacifists,

Let me say that I believe the present Government is a REAL GOVERNMENT, AND NOT A COLLECTION OF HALF-BOILED EGGS.

When I use the term "present Government," I mean those leaders who are actively engaged in dragging our country out of the mire into which for five years she has been surely sinking.

I feel sorry for our present bosses, who are left with a whole nursery of troublesome babies to hold. At the same time, I am convinced they will lead us ultimately to victory.

But what a job! So, whatever I urge in criticism is meant to be helpful.

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C. E. M. Joad and **Bertrand Russell**, have recently recanted, realising that Pacifism is merely behaving like the man who, in the parable, passed by on the other side.

But there are Pacifists who, for reasons I cannot understand, are still slow to draw large salaries from the Government or local councils while men who are prepared to die for their country—and to protect these Pacifists—are paid only 2s. a day.

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NOW the tragedy of France is indeed a warning to us. The more I meet French refugees, who at the last moment escaped to London, the more shame do I hear.

Their hearts bleed for the plight of their great country.

More and more the grim story is being revealed, how, almost generally speaking, it was only the young soldiers who wanted to fight. Even they were stopped.

Weygand was appointed too late, in Gamelin's place, and even Weygand was Fascist-minded.

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Secrets of the Nazis' Secret Service Chief

BLONDE SPY FROM BERLIN JAIL

By
S. THEODORE FELSTEAD

Author of "The Kaiser's Master Spy"

THE sun was shining at San Remo, and Colonel von Nicolai, wandering contentedly through the gardens which flank the Mediterranean, congratulated himself on being well away from Berlin and its winter discomforts. Here on the Italian Riviera, at the San Remo so beloved of the German people, he could just bask in the sunshine, oblivious of what was going on in the Secret Service.

Not a sentimental man, there had been many times in his official life when he had sent people to their death, and doubtless there would be many more.

But on this perfect afternoon the Colonel's thoughts were far away from Berlin. They were more occupied just then with a pretty woman coming his way, a woman, he recollected, who had smiled at him in the casino the night before.

He smiled again and the Colonel gallantly raised his hat. A few minutes' idle flirtation crossed his mind, nothing more.

To his surprise, however, the woman suggested they be seated. "I suppose," she said to him in French, "you are wondering why I have spoken to you."

"Not at all," he replied, smiling. "In San Remo one does many things that are informal."

My name is Lydia Schonburg, she continued, and I am an actress by profession. I come from Vienna."

Nicolai, wondering why all these confidences, politely remarked that he was sure she must be a very fine actress. Then she did give him a surprise.

Woman's Offer

"I HAVE been wondering, Herr Colonel," she went on demurely—and he nearly jumped at the word "Colonel"—"whether you might not employ me in your department in Berlin."

Nicolai laughed. "You know who I am?" he inquired.

"I have friends in San Remo who know who you are," the Colonel shook his head.

"Women," he said jokingly, "are dangerous. And at present, as you see, I am on holiday. One day, perhaps, when you are in Berlin, we may meet again. Until then, I can do nothing."

More than a little annoyed at his identity becoming known in San Remo, he bade the woman good-bye. Once or twice he saw her again in the town and then, thinking no more about her, went back to Berlin.

Colonel von Nicolai had employed a good many women in the German Secret Service from time to time, and none too willingly. Mata Hari had been an agent of his during the Great War, as had the woman known as the Fraulein Doktor—Elizabeth Lessing.

However, he was none too fond of them; they lacked the technical knowledge that was so necessary in espionage, and furthermore, they had a distressing habit of falling in love with their victim.

So Lydia Schonburg passed right out of his mind and might never have been recalled had it not been that one day in 1937 a message was handed to him that a woman prisoner in the Alexanderplatz jail urgently desired to see him.

Many things were occupying von Nicolai's mind just then. Spies and counter-spies fairly swarmed all over Europe. He asked the woman's name, and not recognising it, curtly wrote a note saying he had no time for individual prisoners unless they were important.

Spy In Uniform

BACK came a reply, asking whether he remembered Lydia Schonburg at San Remo a couple of years before. From the Colonel did, and what is more, he gave instructions that he would be at the prison to see her the following morning.

In the meantime, also, he made a few inquiries as to why she was in a cell at Alexanderplatz, to discover that she had been taken from France. It was not a very honourable suggestion, it is true. The spy who had sent it said that at a certain military hospital on the Côte d'Argent there was a great shortage of nurses.

That, in itself, was of no great moment; the importance of the matter lay in the fact that it was an officers' hospital and that an attractive woman who could find

Lydia Schonburg faced a twenty years' prison sentence. — Picture based on a film.

employment there as a nurse might well unearth many secrets of interest to Germany.

Probably Nicolai did not altogether like the scheme, but needs must when the devil drives. Only a woman could be used, and the thought struck him that in Alexanderplatz he had the very one who might do the trick.

The next morning, then, he drove to the prison.

It was a furiously angry Lydia who confronted him, not at all in the mood to respond to his cheery greeting of: "What is all this about?"

For fully a quarter of an hour she told him exactly what she thought of the German police.

"Well, now," said the Colonel when he could get a word in, "suppose we talk business. You told me in San Remo, I think, that you would like to be employed by my department."

Lydia, still breathing defiance, agreed.

"Say I were to send you on a mission to France? Do you think you could be trusted to do what I want?"

"Why not? I am not a fool," von Nicolai told her what was wanted and also asked if she knew anything about nursing. She did not, but she could quickly learn.

"You shall," said the Colonel. "In one month."

He had made many changes in Lydia's appearance when the time came for her to depart. The somewhat flamboyant golden tresses that had so attracted him at San Remo had now reverted to their original dark brown.

Also, she must cultivate a nurse's sober outlook on life, be careful to behave discreetly in front of her superiors—if she got the job—and all else report to him through an address in Vienna.

Lydia's Romance

SHE had learnt enough nursing to pass a cursory examination, and the Colonel had provided her with a neatly forged testimonial from an accommodation Vienna hospital, a passport fabricated in his own private works, plus a certain sum of money.

She was to enter France through Switzerland, and he wished her farewell with the consciousness that any man she vamped might well suffer a worse fate.

She wasted no time in getting to work. In less than a month, following a brief letter to the effect that she had been taken on as a junior nurse in the Hôpital de St. Peter just outside Bordeaux, she was sending him quite a budget of news.

If it was not vastly important, the Colonel had pleasant hopes of the future for Lydia, who was islingly of a young Staff officer fast falling in love with her.

Nicolai deemed this development good enough to put one of his "shadows" on Lydia's trail—just to make sure she wasn't doing anything else.

Evidently the romance was progressing a little too well. The next item of news that arrived in Berlin, though not from Lydia, was to the effect that she had been deserting her post and gone to the Staff officer.

Nicolai sat back and waited, wondering what would happen next.

And it did not greatly surprise him eventually to discover that he had been nearly swindled.

Here, one regrets to say, Colonel von Nicolai made a sad descent, not so much from German Secret Service ethics perhaps, as from the standards that are laid down to govern the behaviour of an officer and a gentleman.

Putting it bluntly, Lydia knew a great deal more about his department than he cared for the Second

COL. WILHELM VON NICOLAI is the man who built up the spy system of the Kaiser's Germany.

When the Nazis came into power they brought him from semi-retirement and appointed him Hitler's Master Spy.

Prime organiser of the Nazi Fifth Columns throughout the world, some of his treacherous exploits are here being revealed for the first time.

Bureau (French counter-espionage organisation in Paris) to know. They had been more than a little friendly in Berlin; there had been moments, with his head a trifle turned by the attractiveness of Lydia, when he had whispered secrets about his mighty spy organisation all over Europe which were much better kept in his own head.

He tried, first of all, to get her back to Germany, having in mind the self-same cell in Alexanderplatz prison from which she had come. Lydia wrote him a charming letter in which she said that she was quite happy where she was, and would be please send her on last month's cheque.

The Colonel did nothing of the sort; what he did do, was to interview one of the strong-armed men of Himmler's secret police, with instructions to get Lydia back by hook or by crook and, if all else failed, arrange for her departure from this unhappy world.

And if that were unsuccessful he would, as a last resource, denounce her to the Second Bureau so that she would get what was coming to her in any circumstances.

If Lydia herself had any knowledge of the fate in store for her, she showed no perturbation. She moved about Paris with her new-found lover, more than content with herself and sublimely ignorant of the two men who followed her everywhere hoping she would come to a violent end.

The Staff Officer returned to his duties, but came back to the hotel in the Champs Elysées every night. Then one fine day, when he was absent, Himmler's henchmen took the liberty of calling upon Lydia unannounced.

She was not at all responsive to the suggestion that Colonel von Nicolai urgently desired to see her in Berlin. But she made no objection when her caller spoke of money which had arrived for her.

Apparently it was in the possession of a certain individual who lived in a flat in Passy. It was at her disposal if she liked to call there about nine o'clock that evening.

Men From Berlin

IT might be as well to state here that the Staff Officer was completely ignorant of Lydia's true role. He, like Colonel von Nicolai, was just being cunningly deceived by a woman who was certainly what Nicolai with unconscious truth, had described as a very fine actress.

She was also a very greedy woman.

That night, then, getting rid of her lover of some pretext, she went alone to the flat in Passy—a small one in the Avenue Kleber.

She found two men there, the one who had called upon her earlier in the day, and another whose face she vaguely remembered.

"I've seen you before," she said to the latter.

"Yes, mademoiselle, I dare say

you have—with a sneer that made Lydia feel slightly uncomfortable. Nor did the strong-armed man, a hefty young Nazi of determined mien, look any more reassuring.

"Well," said Lydia, "what have you brought me here for?"

"To take you back to Berlin," said the Nazi. "There is someone who wishes to have a talk with you."

"Colonel von Nicolai?" "Possibly, mademoiselle. We do not mention names in matters of this sort."

"Where is my money?" asked Lydia abruptly. "I do not leave Paris until I get it."

Without turning a hair, the Nazi said: "Well, as to that, mademoiselle, the money is lying at my hotel in the Etoile. This place here really belongs to my friend"—nodding at the other man.

"If you like, we will drive there now, and after that you can pack your baggage and we shall catch the first train back to Berlin."

Many thoughts were scudding through Lydia's active brain. Back to Berlin she had not the slightest intention of going; what she did think was that somehow or other she would bluff her way out of the difficulty—after getting the money.

It comforted her a little to think of the tiny automatic she had in her bag. Agreeably enough, then, she signified her willingness to go to the Etoile.

The young Nazi gallantly escorted her downstairs, and one would have thought by the friendliness of his manner that he and Lydia had known each other for years.

The other man followed on behind.

At this stage of the drama, some of Lydia's native cunning deserted her. A taxi-cab was waiting outside the flats, the driver of which gave an understanding nod after Lydia had been handed in.

The three of them squeezed themselves on the back seat and the cab drove off.

But they did not proceed towards the Etoile. As they reached the top of the Avenue Kleber the driver swung away sharp to the left in the opposite direction, at such a suddenly fast pace that Lydia realised she was trapped.

She jumped from her seat and made a struggle for the door. The Nazi violently pulled her back, growling at her to keep quiet or he would smash her face in.

Midnight Round-up

LYDIA'S reply was to let out a piercing scream which must have attracted the attention of any passing gendarme.

But they were now in a strange, ill-lit neighbourhood, with no more than an occasional passer-by, who probably thought her screams to be nothing more than the result of horse-play.

Panting for breath, she was dragged back to her seat, with further threats of murder if she did not keep quiet. She lay still for a few moments, and then, pretending to fumble for her handkerchief, got hold of the automatic.

It was dark inside the taxi-cab; the two men did not realise what was happening until the Nazi, grabbing hold of her, felt the pistol. As he frantically tried to wrench it from her, it went off, if not in the direction intended.

The shot went through the glass partition dividing them from the driver, and he, who had probably bargained for much, but certainly not for pistol shots, was so panicked that he drove his cab into a wall.

They hit it with a terrific crash, and, half stunned, found themselves in a heap on the floor. A wildly cursing driver, bleeding profusely from the broken glass, clambered out from the wreckage, while people came running up from nowhere.

Inside the cab the three occupants slowly sorted themselves out and joined the driver. All of them were bleeding. The pistol had been lost in the confusion, while all three of them were so dazed that they could only stagger about, hardly knowing what to do next.

In a short time fifty or sixty people were around them. A gendarme came up, and Lydia told him something which was to cost her her liberty for many a long year.

She denounced the two men as German spies.

Everybody standing around laughed, thinking she must be

drunk. Out of her senses she certainly was. A police car came up and the three of them were bundled into it and taken to the nearest station.

Foolishly, when she got there she stuck to her story. The inspector on duty didn't believe it; but for safety's sake he locked the three of them up for the night and passed the matter on to higher authorities.

In due course the Second Bureau took charge of the investigation. Weeks passed by; one after another of them were brought before the officers of the Bureau.

The two men found it difficult to explain their presence in France, even at the expense of damning Lydia up hill and down dale.

She, without a doubt, was a spy. Eventually the authorities decided that justice would be met by putting all three on their trial, with the result, after many weeks of captivity, that Lydia found herself sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude, while her companions in adversity were each presented with fifteen years at the expense of the French Government.

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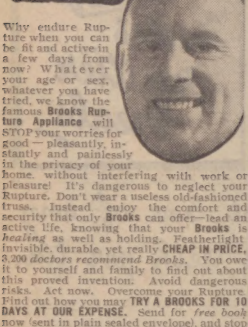
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Let's Talk it Over

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STILL reminding us at frequent intervals that our courage and cheerfulness will see us through, the Powers that Be have also given us a slight pat on the back for our calm and discipline during air raids. I don't know what else they expected, for Britons are not prone to panic and they don't need to be told to keep stiff upper lips.

Indeed, if we were as confident of ALL our leaders as we are of ourselves and our neighbours, our upper lips, though stiff as ever, would not be too stiff to smile.

We are confident in the Government as a whole, but the lessons we have learned from the French surrender leave us growingly uneasy that certain members of that Government should still be in Office.

Why don't the remnants of the Old Gang resign? It is the only decent thing they can do in present circumstances, and, as I told you last Sunday, it may not be long before they will have to get out whether they like it or not.

FRANCE collapsed chiefly because her politicians had failed her. Some of them, like Mr. Chamberlain and his friends, had been "appeasing" the enemy for years. Most of them were complacent and dictatorial at the same time.

They favoured Generals with dull "Mugshot" minds. They imagined, poor fools, that they could beat Germany by "sitting tight."

Here we have Mr. Chamberlain, now Lord President of the Council, still declaring—in his remarkable interview with the American Press—that "Time is on our side!"

That was his "signature tune" when he was Premier. He still has time to "fade out" gracefully to the same sad "swan song."

Mr. Chamberlain gave this interview in order, it appears, to deny that anybody in this country is putting out "peace feelers." Just previously the Press had to contradict a baseless rumour that Sir Samuel Hoare had sounded General Franco with some such purpose in view.

This country cannot afford to be represented anywhere by men who shared the late Government's responsibility for blunder-after-shocking blunder.

The very word "appeasement" is tainted with shame, and we never want to hear it again, even as a distant echo.

In brief, the country will not be satisfied until Mr. Churchill gets rid of the Old Gang completely. There should be no exceptions.

THE Premier's principal Ministers are grappling splendidly with the legacy of muddle, waste, vacillation and delay which they inherited from their predecessors.

Mr. Herbert Morrison has just given us some encouraging facts. He says that we have doubled, and in some instances far more than doubled, our output of guns, tanks and ammunition.

Still he is not satisfied, and thank God for it! The country is sick of satisfied Ministers.

It doesn't want to hear what they are going to do: it merely expects progress reports on what they are doing and what they have done.

COMPLACENCY can no longer be charged against the key men of the Churchill Cabinet. Lord Beaverbrook is working with furious energy to speed up aeroplane production and purchases from the States.

It is thanks largely to his drive and co-ordinating genius that Mr. Eden was able to tell us in a grand broadcast: "We have an exceedingly powerful Air Force which will give the enemy a very bad time."

That Air Force is giving him a bad time now. We are being raided by night, but the Germans are being raided day and night, and, as Mr. Eden said, they are already learning that "it is not the nature of our people to sit placidly and be bombed without retort."

The recent British landings at several coastal points under enemy control may or may not have been important in the military sense of the word, but the news of them was a tonic to us all.

They proved that we can still take the initiative, and are not afraid to do so.

If only the Government were boldly prepared to take the initiative in many other directions, how eagerly should we respond to its lead!

But at the risk of becoming wearisome on this subject, I must repeat that we are not yet getting the decisive leadership we have a right to expect.

This is no time to hesitate and "dither," to beg and persuade and appeal. We can make up our minds to do what we are told, but not until the Government makes up its mind to tell us.

So often it won't tell us. Within the past few days, for instance, importers have been urged not to import more than they need of certain goods.

It is sheer feebleness to make an appeal of that kind. Instead, the imports should be restricted or forbidden.

Similarly I think it exasperating and childish to say to the public: "Please don't make tea after every air raid because, really, we may have to be rather careful with our stocks of tea."

We are not children to be talked to in that way. If tea stocks are short, then, in the name of common sense, let them be rationed at once.



Two Generations—One Spirit

Again, Mr. Hudson, the Minister of Agriculture, thinks it "intolerable" for selfish owners of building estates to let their land be overrun with weeds.

So do I, but why does Mr. Hudson tolerate it? He has ample powers. Why doesn't he use them? Let him commandeer this wickedly wasted land and have it cultivated, if necessary, by conscripted labour.

AS regards the whole food situation, intelligent people can't be entirely satisfied by the Government's frequent assurances that we have large stocks.

We were rather inclined not so long ago to sneer at Germany's drastic rationing schemes. That was a mistake. The enemy was rationing.

Thought for Today

ONE MAN'S BRAVERY CAN
INSPIRE OTHERS, AS A
MATCH SETS A FIRE
AFLAME.

before he was compelled to do so. He wanted to conserve his stores.

And we must conserve ours. We ought to stop at once the lavishness of hotel and restaurant menus. We ought to ration anything and everything that may become short at a future date.

ABOVE all, Mr. Hudson needs to do his utmost to increase home production. He doesn't need to be "nice" to anybody. He can take what land he needs, and I imagine that if he worked in conjunction with Mr. Ernest Bevin it wouldn't be long before he found the labour to work it.

Mr. Bevin himself is doing wonders as Minister of Labour and manning all our factories as they have never been manned before.

The fact remains that there are still some 800,000 unemployed, and surely it must be possible to set some of these idle hands to work on the idle acres.

In this connection it is encouraging to know that, even in the midst of our mighty war effort, the workless are not being forgotten.

CIGARETTE PAPERS

By The Lounger

Today's Proverb: We don't work as hard as our soldiers and sailors fight, we're letting them down.

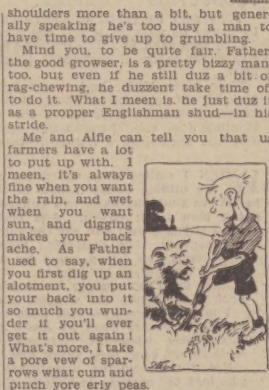
WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK
The best way to forget yourself is to belong to something bigger than yourself.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "OUR OWN FARM"
We've been in the country for nearly a year now, and I reckon me and Horrie ort to know how to run a farm, with a little trifling assistance now and again from good old Farmer Oates.

I must say he's a nice man, and very appreciative of the way we run his farm for him, but he won't let us just play about. I mean, he's grateful for our help in haytime, and will be more so at harvest, but it's an idea of his that every boy ort to have a bit of land of his own to grow something on.

So rite erly on he gave us a nice strip of land at the end of the kitchen garden behind the farmhouse to have a go at for ourselves. To sum people this mite seem just so much dirt, and to others just an ordinary allotment, but to me and Horrie it's a proper farm and we're proper farmers.

Father says we ort to grumble same as all farmers grumble. But Farmer Oates is the best farmer we know and he duzzent grumble about farming as much as Father grumbles about everything. Suntime Farmer O. shrugs his



shoulders more than a bit, but generally speaking he's too busy a man to have time to give up to grumbling.

Mind you, to be quite fair, Father, the good grower, is a pretty bizzay man, too, but even if he still duzz a bit of rag-chewing, he duzzent take time off to do it. What I mean is he just duzz it as a proper Englishman shud—in his stride.

Me and Alfie can tell you that us farmers have a lot to put up with. I mean, it's always fine when you want the rain, and wet when you want sun, and digging makes your back ache. As Father used to say, when you first dig up an allotment, you put your back into it so much you wonder if you'll ever get it out again!

What's more, I take a pore vew of sparrows what cum and pinch yore erly peas. We've got sum good broad beans and the carrots are just beginning to look like maidenhair ferns, and the lettuces are all rite, except where Rags (that's my dog) has knocked them down by loyally chasing hens.

We're hoping for a grand potato harvest, though I must say, if you take 'em up to have a look-see how they're getting, it's a bit difficult to pop 'em back again. But I reckon they'll be all rite. When the time comes we'll have sum wonderful fish and chips if we can get any fish.

"GET CRACKING" SONG
Everyone has been inspired by Herbert Morrison's forthright phrase:

Mr. Bevin has drafted a Bill which will provide increased benefits for all, and which will, furthermore, enable "black-coat workers" earning up to eight pounds a week to come into the general scheme.

Incidentally, I was delighted to learn that Mr. Bevin is "considering" the compulsory recognition by the banks of their clerks' trade union—the Bank Officers' Guild.

Bank clerks as a class have always been poorly paid, and their grievances have often been dismissed in a most high-handed way.

It is high time that the big "bosses" not only of banking, but also of insurance, should be made to fall into line with other employers and give their staffs the freedom to which all organised labour is entitled.

SOME readers have recently reproached our present administration just at a time when "national unity is surely the first consideration." They seem to think that a journalist's duty is to back up the Government, no matter what it does or fails to do.

Unfortunately this tendency to resent press criticism exists strongly in many high places.

It must be resisted with whole force of public opinion, for never before has the Freedom of the Press been so vital to the freedom of the safety of the country.

If the newspapers were to be gagged now: if they were not left free to point out mistakes and condemn muddle, waste and delay, we should be courting the very disasters that have befallen the people of France.

We should inevitably encourage complacency among our leaders, and we should undermine public morale because the public would never be sure that it was being given the facts.

Worse than that; we should be giving the "Fifth Column" its finest opportunity to work under cover for our destruction!

TALKING of this "Fifth Column," I want to tell you all once again that there are still too many friends of Hitler—or former friends, if you want to be particular—at large in our midst.

Some of them are in high places. Some of them belong to "social sets" which have, hitherto, been regarded as "quite beyond question."

I say here that we have reached a crisis in British history such that no position or influence is worth considering at all.

Wherever they may be found, we ought to rout out the British "Quislings" now. We must demolish the Fifth Column at once. There should be no quarter for these traitors and defeatists in our very midst.

And, as a "rider" to this general proposition, I may add that many of them are already known to the responsible authorities.

IN this page, your correspondent has not even referred to the more recent seethings in the boiling cauldron of European politics.

You will find the latest news in the news pages, and I doubt whether there is any commentator able, at this stage, to interpret its significance for you.

As far as you and I are concerned, we can be of no assistance except upon the Home Front. On that front, whether we like it or not, we have all become "soldiers."

In fact, we all have a job to do at last. We have got to defend our homes and our homeland. And, if our leaders could but realise that to the full, they would find us all ready and eager to do anything that is asked of us.

A Man o' the People

THE WORLD ON PARADE

U.S.A. WANTS TO KNOW

ONE of busiest spots in New York these days is office of British Library of Information.

● By phone and letter, thousands of questions about Britain and its war effort pour into the library.

● With its 25,000 official documents, 2,200 reference books and other informative works, it is a gold mine of facts and figures.

● Business men, students, editors research workers all use the library's resources.

Teasers

AMONG the things U.S. has wanted to know in recent times are:—

Q.—Is there such a ship as H.M.S. Kestrel claimed by the Germans to have been sunk?

A.—No. H.M.S. Kestrel is name of a naval air station in Britain.

Q.—Is English billion larger than U.S. billion?

A.—Yes. thousand times greater—1,000,000,000,000 against 1,000,000,000.

Q.—How can I join the Bengal Lancers?

A.—You can't. No white man can become a Bengal Lancer.

the sea in those days as in these was the factor that counted.

● Historic note: Even in Napoleon's time Britain had her Fifth Columnists, those who professed admiration for the "Little Corporal."

30,000 Hams

ONE organisation ready to work against Fifth Columnists in U.S. is American Radio Relay League which has 30,000 radio ham (amateur) members.

● League claims that with all its members on the look-out for illegal radio transmitters it would be almost impossible for one to stay on the air long.

● Every new signal that comes into the ether is investigated by the hams who are a compact and self-policed body.

Did You Know That—

SICILY, Italy's heel, is by no means a delectable island, for it suffers from malaria, earthquakes, eruptions and the sirocco, that unpleasant hot, dry wind?

● Jackals (for definition see Mussolini) are of different species, being natives of Asia and Africa, and are night roamers seeking for the carcasses left by other animals such as the lion?

WE ARE ALL READY

WE are all ready, every one, for our hearts are armoured with right; our Souls are at God's service, in His Majesty and Might.

We're all beyond small personal fear, the hour is too grave and deep; and too many of our loved ones again in Flanders Sleep.

WE are all ready, every one, as heart to heart we stand, for there's something deeper than we know, astir in every land. The Challenge has gone out to men, and at Heaven's Gate Hope's Horn calls to our souls to rally, so a New World Shall Be Born.

WE are all ready, every one, to give and give again, we do not ask to understand, nor beg God to explain; the hours are fraught with Vast Events, from a Dark Hemisphere, but out of this grim holocaust, A NEW WORLD WILL APPEAR.

Air Model

R.A.F. TRAINING system, finest in world, has been copied, not always successfully, by world's leading air powers.

● Birth of system was 1916, when training of fighter pilots was put on scientific basis. Dual control came into its own, and ignorance of first principles of flying dispelled from fliers' minds.

● Col. R. R. Smith-Barry, an R.F.C. Commander in 1916, and still taking a keen interest in flying is the man responsible for the revolutionary changes which are bearing such good fruits today.

Portent

GERMANY'S rapid conquest of France has a parallel in Napoleon's conquest of Egypt, which he took in three weeks.

● Then the Navy stepped in. French ships left behind at Aboukir Bay were attacked and only four escaped. Command of

POSER

A TRAIN leaves A for B at 8 o'clock and a second train leaves B for A at 8.15. The trains meet at O, after which the first train completes its journey in 30 minutes and the second train in 50 minutes. At what time do the two trains meet?

I printed last Sunday's poser—the change for 81 one—in the hope that some brave soul might struggle through the maze of computation and permutation to arrive at a solution. Not one did so. Faint heart never found an answer!

THE LOOKER-ON.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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A YEAR AGO the introduction of the Social Telegram Service (5s. for 12 words to any part of the British Empire) was a huge popular success.

Now it is followed up by the concession of a special rate for messages from or to soldiers and

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He Scrounged A Gun, Then WENT TO HUNT A TANK

Bigger Families

TOO FEW BABIES IN BRITAIN

Special to "The People"
MARSHAL PETAIN'S ALLEGATION THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR FRANCE'S FAILURE WAS THAT SHE HAD "TOO FEW BABIES" HAS LED TO A REVIVAL OF ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE "MORE BABIES" ORGANISATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY.

Several religious bodies are preparing to make appeals to their followers. Some of them have already done so.

One of the leaders of the League of National Life, which aims at a minimum of four babies per family, has issued a statement saying that Marshal Petain's allegation is "an object lesson to the British Empire," and adds:

"Here at home our potential population has been falling for several years past at an annual rate of over 100,000."

"Every year there are over 100,000 fewer children entering our elementary schools. Our Government, blind to reality in this matter, has done nothing."

YOU CAN'T SEND YOUR JEWELS OVERSEAS

AFTER NEXT WEDNESDAY NO JEWELLERY, POSTAGE STAMPS AND OTHER VALUABLE ARTICLES MAY BE EXPORTED OR TAKEN OUT OF BRITAIN WITHOUT A LICENCE FROM THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The ban, officially announced yesterday, is imposed to prevent the export of capital in the form of valuables.

PRISONERS

More Names Over German Wireless

FOLLOWING is the latest list of British prisoners in enemy hands broadcast from German wireless stations:—

George Edward Turner, Hodman-rd., London; H. Allen, Goodwin-rd., Sheffield; Herbert Darley, Oxcar-lane, Strensall, Yorks; Ernest Hinton, Wharf-st., Leicester; William Henry West, Nottingham (address indistinct).

Frank Betteridge, Pickersgill-st., Hunslet-rd., Leeds; Sidney Allen, Woodgrove-ave., Sheffield; James Lawrence, Beaumont-rd., Sheffield; Arthur Horton, Coronation-rd., Thorne, nr. Doncaster.

Arthur Hayes (or Haines?), Rose-st., Sheffield; Edgar Bulman, Jackson-st. (York?); John Witherington, Chiswick-gdns., Gateshead-on-Tyne; Stanley Gray, Baldersley, Perth; Leslie Allison, Fairfax-drive, Westcliff-on-Sea; Albert (?) Pickering, Coronation-st., Burton-on-Trent; George Hayes (?), Eastfield-ave., Nottingham.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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OFFICER SMASHES MONSTER IN "HIDE-OUT"

A SECOND-LIEUTENANT WHO BORROWED AN ANTI-TANK RIFLE AND WENT OUT TO HUNT AN ENEMY TANK LURKING IN A WOOD HAS BEEN AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS FOR HIS "MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE TO HIS MEN."

He is Sec.-Lieut. Richard Gavin Orr, of the Royal Artillery. The story of his hunt is told in B.E.F. awards announced yesterday.

A reconnaissance party had reported to him that the tank had been seen at the corner of the wood. As it was impossible, owing to the trees, to get his two-pounder gun in a firing position, Second-Lieut. Orr went to an adjacent infantry unit and "scrounged" an anti-tank rifle.

With two other officers he then went to track the tank down. They found the tank in a "hide-out." Manoeuvring into a favourable position, Second-Lieut. Orr fired eight rounds.

Five of them were direct hits and the tank was put out of action.

Lieut. A. V. Stevens, R.A.M.C., also receives the MC. for saving many lives.

Sent with wounded to an advanced dressing station near Poperinghe, he found it practically destroyed by air bombing. He collected more wounded from the ruins and took his convey to Dunkirk. After embarking his casualties and attending further cases on the beach, he returned to his post near Poperinghe with further medical supplies.

There he found chaos and destruction. His own division had retired, the position was being heavily shelled, and woods and buildings were on fire.

MONASTERY ON FIRE

Lieut. Stevens found an undamaged vehicle and brought out wounded from a monastery that was on fire. On his way to Dunkirk he collected ambulances which had lost their way.

Suddenly enemy tanks attacked his convoy, destroyed the majority of the ambulances and killed most of the wounded.

The tanks were in turn surprised and destroyed by our artillery. Lieut. Stevens collected the remnants of his ambulance convoy and brought them safely to Dunkirk.

Lord Sysonby, a Major in the Queen's Regiment, received the D.S.O. Counter-attacking with a carrier platoon against groups of the enemy who had broken through, he caused such heavy casualties and confusion that the German penetration was held up for 12 hours.

Serg. Jack Baker, Royal Artillery, who gets the D.C.M., engaged with his gun four tanks at short range. With parts of his gun shot away and the rest of his team out of action, he continued to serve the gun alone until the tanks gave up the attack.

Other awards were:—
M.C., Capt. Dennis Harry Andrews, Royal West Kent; D.C.M., C.S.M. Walter J. Napier, Royal West Kent; M.M., Serg. George Parks, R.E. and L.-Bdr. Ernest Stridwick, R.A.

REYNAUD: "CONDITION CRITICAL"

ACCORDING to a Rome broadcast picked up by the Columbia Broadcasting system, the condition of M. Reynaud, ex-Premier of France, who was injured in a car crash, is critical.

M. Reynaud, the report states, has head injuries, sustained when the car, which he was driving himself, skidded, crashed into a plane tree and overturned into a ditch.

He was on his way to Sainte Maxime, in the Var Department.

A Bordeaux message states, though M. Reynaud's injuries are serious, his life is not in danger. He is in a nursing home.—Reuter.

It's Good-bye To Romance At Gretna

From Our Own Correspondent
Gretna, Saturday.

GRETNA GREEN, home of romance to runaway couples for centuries, will lose its glamour tonight.

From tomorrow, snail weddings in the light of the smithy storm lanterns will be illegal under the new Marriage (Scotland) Act.

All down the years the old Scottish system of marriage by declaration has enabled English eloping couples to defy their parents by slipping over the border to declare themselves man and wife.

In the old days it was by no means the inviolable practice to go to the Gretna Green smithy to wed over the anvil.

The smithy became popular in comparatively recent times because it provided all the facilities.

Mr. R. B. McKinnon, the present "priest," was wondering yesterday who would be the last couple to avail themselves of his services.

"I am sure that someone will come along," he said. His idea is to keep the place open to tourists as a museum.

HINTS FOR "OVERSEAS" CHILDREN

MANY PARENTS WHO SENT PRELIMINARY APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO BE SENT OVERSEAS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME WILL BE NOTIFIED NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, BY THE CHILDREN'S OVERSEAS RECEPTION BOARD, THAT THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PROVISIONALLY SELECTED.

When a child is selected a form of consent to removal will be sent which in ordinary cases must be signed by both parents.

If there is an absent parent or guardian whose consent ought to be obtained, the applicant is advised to obtain it at once by letter or telegram.

Parents should not send the Children's Overseas Reception Board the reply of the absent parent or guardian, but should keep it until the form is received with the Board's letter saying that the child has been provisionally selected.

It is realised that many fathers may be absent with one of the services. In such cases, when the consent has been received, special consideration will be given to them.

CHANNEL ISLANDS CHILDREN

Some of the youngsters evacuated from the Channel Islands when they arrived at a South Coast port.



Craigavon And Defence OFFER TO DE VALERA

A STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD BE NO PARTY TO ANY CHANGE IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND CONSTITUTION, ALTHOUGH HE IS PREPARED TO CO-OPERATE CLOSELY WITH MR. DE VALERA REGARDING DEFENCE, WAS MADE BY LORD CRAIGAVON, NORTHERN IRELAND PREMIER, AT CO. DOWN YESTERDAY.

His statement was made in reply to a suggestion that Northern Ireland and Eire should join in a common defence scheme against enemy aggression.

"The supreme consideration for all of us is the safety of the whole United Kingdom," Lord Craigavon said. "Our firm attitude in the past has literally saved the situation. If an All-Ireland Parliament had been in existence at the outbreak of hostilities, Great Britain would have been faced with an All-Ireland neutrality today, and British troops would have been unable to land on Irish soil."

"In the Dail on Wednesday," added Lord Craigavon, "Mr. Sean O'Kelly, Vice-Premier of Eire, offered to Partition in a way which clearly indicates that Mr. De Valera is once again blackmailing the

German Factories Heavily Bombed In Night Raids

CHEMICAL FACTORIES, RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARDS, CANAL TRAFFIC AND AERODROMES IN MANY PARTS OF NORTH-WEST GERMANY AND THE RHINELAND WERE AMONG MILITARY OBJECTIVES ATTACKED DURING EARLY YESTERDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT BY AIRCRAFT OF THE Bomber Command, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY.

The chemical factories were heavily bombed, and in each attack the raiders were over the target area for more than an hour.

At Dormagen, south of Dusseldorf, the first section of the attacking force to reach their objective started fires, which, though small at first, grew in intensity as the attack developed, and

eventually merged into a fierce blaze.

At Höchst, near Frankfurt, batteries of heavy and light guns surrounded a chemical factory, but in spite of intense opposition most of our bombers found their target and scored hits with high explosive and incendiary bombs.

At one stage of the bombardment a fire which could be seen 50 miles away followed the blowing-up of part of the factory.

One stick of bombs dropped from a high level caused large flames which brilliantly illuminated the target and momentarily outshone the beams of the many searchlights working with the anti-aircraft guns.

BLAST FURNACE HIT
An extensive fire was started at a factory on the east bank of the Rhine, near Monheim, some minutes after a salvo of bombs had been dropped. East of Cologne hits were registered on a blast furnace.

The marshalling yards attacked by other raiders were principally at Osnabrück, Soest and Hamm, and at all three places further damage was done. Traffic on the Dortmund-Ems canal was again subjected to low-level attacks, and several barges near a lock gate were destroyed.

Besides bombing aerodromes in north-west Germany, further attacks were also made on enemy-occupied aerodromes in Holland, including those at Flushing and Waalhaven as well as the seaplane base on the Island of Texel.

Routine flights by Coastal Command aircraft—from which one machine did not return—were mentioned in the official communiqué, which added:

"Yesterday morning, Coastal Command aircraft again attacked the harbour of Willemsoord (Holland), when the lighting installations and supply depots were set on fire. All our aircraft returned safely from both night and day operations."

Boon To Mothers MILK FREE, OR FOR 2d. A PINT

Special to "The People"
FREE or cheap milk for mothers and children starts tomorrow. Under the National Milk Scheme, which then comes into operation—

Every expectant or nursing mother, and every child under five years of age who has been weaned and is not attending school, can obtain one pint of milk daily at 2d. per pint.

The scheme applies to evacuees as well as to people living in their normal homes.

Certain classes of the community will be able to obtain supplies in the above quantity free. They are those households where:—
1.—The joint weekly income of the parents or guardians is less than 40s. (plus 1s. for each non-earning dependent member of the household); or
2.—The income of the only parent or guardian is less than 40s. (plus 6s. for each non-earning member of the household); or

Good for SLEEPLESSNESS



"The People's" Secret Service News

HIMMLER, head of the Gestapo, has drawn up an edict, now awaiting Hitler's signature, requiring all the inhabitants of occupied France to hand over their gold and foreign exchange to the German financial authorities.

One thousand German bank clerks have already been drafted into France with the Gestapo, to examine banking accounts and to unearth these reserves.

Himmler's edict threatens the death penalty to people who try to withhold their gold, on the ground that such conduct would be "disloyal to the State."

Ribbentrop's health is causing him considerable trouble. Slight heart attacks are growing more serious, and he is now being treated by Professor Plesch, one of the leading heart specialists of the world. That is one reason why little has been heard of him lately.

SPECIAL anti-Jew squads of the Gestapo, with ten years' training in Jewish persecution, have arrived in Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France.

Lists of Jews living in every

town and village, with details of land, shares, jewels, works of art or other forms of wealth that they may own, are in the possession of the squad leader appointed to each district.

Lists were compiled by Nazi Fifth Columnists living in those areas before the war. Many of these Fifth Columnists were bank clerks.

WHEN the final peace terms with France come to be discussed, there will be a new feature that does not appear in the armistice text. It will be that France hands over jointly to Mussolini and Hitler its shareholding in the Suez Canal.

French Government, some months ago, discovered that Goebbels was the holder of £7,000 shares in the Suez Canal. They cancelled the dividend payments Goebbels has now informed the Petain Government that unless he gets his interest arrears at once there will be trouble.

Several big shiploads of meat have been diverted to British ports during the past week. Hitherto our Dominions have had to supply all the meat required by the French army. Now all that meat will be available for Britain.

HIMMLER is rapidly working his way into the position of

Nazi Number Two. He can get audiences with Hitler, even when the Fuehrer is "too busy" to see Goering.

Himmler's tactics are to notify the Fuehrer that he has discovered a new plot against his life. He is then always sure of an immediate summons to the presence, for Hitler goes about in a state of constant fear of assassination. Another 10,000 S.S. men have recently been posted to his personal bodyguard, bringing it up to 30,000.

Himmler is making good use of "the ear of the Fuehrer" to press his own suit. And the more "plots" he can discover, the cleverer man Hitler thinks he is. But this intriguing is angering Goering. If ever Himmler or Goering is found murdered, it will not be difficult to discover which one had the other killed.

A big German gramophone and radio firm is now producing flame-throwers. Portable, each can be carried by one man.

FOURTEEN Czechs have been arrested by the Nazi authorities for sabotage in the Ceskomoravska Kolben-Danek aircraft works at Prague. They are alleged to have removed too much metal from aircraft engine parts that they were being

compelled to make for their conquerors.

Widespread petrol sabotage is also reported. A few weeks ago the contents of five railway petrol tank wagons were lost in the Prague station yards owing to leaking taps. Eighty railwaymen were arrested.

FOLLOWING the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among cattle on some hundreds of German farms, the Colorado beetle pest has now been reported on a large scale among potato crops in many parts of the country.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger has warned housewives that they must not be surprised if the coming potato crop is below normal.

One of the first fruits of Nazi rule in Norway is that the employees of many of the municipalities have had their wages cut by one half. Householders are forbidden to buy coal. Supplies are so short that only hospitals, bakers and big factories can be supplied.

Householders in many Danish towns have also been deprived of all coal supplies, and have been told that they must take their meals in communal kitchens.

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It's a Good Plan to Get Ready for the FRUIT HARVEST NOW

By Mrs. Everywoman

"WHERE'S the sugar to come from?" you will reply when I start talking about preserving the fruit, but whatever little you have see you get full value out of it and, remember, a few pots of good jam are better than a shelf full that hasn't kept.

You doubtless know all about the fruit preserving activities of your local Women's Institute. How you can take fruit to them to be preserved. But here are a few hints for home preserving. For bottling, remember, unripe fruit is best, whilst for jam ripe but not over ripe, and it must be dry and freshly picked.

If you have plenty of preserving jars and no sugar, then what about using them for vegetables: peas, carrots, beans and celery can all be bottled.

Stone fruit such as plums and



cherries can be dried and stored for future use.

Choose sweet but not over ripe fruit, split in halves and remove the stones, and arrange on trays and leave to dry out in the sun, or a very slow oven can be used. Squeeze one in your fingers, and if no juice

comes out and the skin does not break they are ready for storing in airtight jars. But, remember, the drying process must be slow or the flavour will be lost.

During the last war many housewives successfully bottled gooseberries and plums in syrup instead of sugar. To make the syrup 1 lb. of sugar was added to a quart of water and boiled for 10 minutes. This was poured over the fruit already closely packed in the bottles. The syrup must well cover all the fruit. They are then made airtight in the usual way.

Regarding gooseberries, I have found that they do not require so much sweetening when they are green and hard as when they are beginning to change colour, and the small hairy gooseberries are better cooks than the large, smooth green ones. Also the cooking Morello cherries are the only ones that are really worth preserving.

Household ABC What About That Second Helping?

ACT quickly, but think before you act, in an emergency—that's the best slogan. So let us get into the habit of thinking accurately and quickly in our daily routine.

BE ready to help your A.R.P. warden and other officials. Never waste their time—and your own—in speculating on what might happen. Be prepared, and when in doubt ask them to help you. Then act on their advice.

CHECK up the officials. Make sure you know the policeman on duty in your district. Get to know the A.R.P. warden, too. When in doubt, consult them.

Five shillings has been awarded to the following readers for their hints beginning with D, E, F.

DON'T waste apple peelings. After washing them well, place in a pan and cover with cold water. Add a handful of raisins or sultanas and simmer till the goodness has gone into the liquor. This makes a delicious and health-giving drink. If it is made stronger by adding more peel or using less water, it can be strained and bottled. Cloves may be added if liked.—Miss K. Lamplough, 30, Bonfields, ave., Swanage, Dorset.

ECONOMISE with gas if only a small roomy pudding is required. Instead of tying it up in a cloth, make it into a usual shape and then drop it into rapidly boiling water in exactly the same way as you would a dumpling. In this way the pudding will be cooked in 20 minutes, thus a saving of one hour and ten minutes gas.—Mrs. J. McNab, 57, Capri-rd., Addiscombe, Surrey.

FLOWER-POTS, previously soaked in cold water, make ideal containers for butter, margarine and cooking-fats, also bottles of milk, in hot weather. The butter etc. keeps as hard as in winter.—Mrs. L. Perkins, 11, Ordish-st., Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

Prizes of 6s. will be awarded for the best hints beginning with G, H, I. Entries must be written on postcards not enclosed in envelopes addressed to Mrs. "The People," 72, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, and should reach this office not later than Wednesday, July 3.

KEEP a copy of official pamphlets, pasted into a book, displayed where every member of the family can read them. And make sure you know the contents yourself.

MAKE sure you have your first-aid kit complete, and that it is housed in a convenient place, so that there will be no scramble to get to it if it should be needed.

ORGANISE your household so that if there is an air-raid warning you will all be at the shelter at the same time. There must be no panic, and no worrying about latecomers.

SLACKS and a pullover are ideal wear in air-raid shelters. They're easy to slip into, close fitting, and are easier to move about in than a dressing-gown.

TEA-MAKING. It's a temptation to have a cup of tea after the "all clear" goes. If you cannot resist it, at least see that the tea is weak. But better still, try slipping a glass of warm milk between the cups. But to sleep right away if you forgo the cup of tea in favour of this.

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THE fresh fruit season is starting, so let's make the best of it while we can. Gooseberries and strawberries we know are nice with sugar and cream, but there are other more economical ways of serving them: tartlets, short cakes, fools, and with rice and cereals. Send me your gooseberry or strawberry recipe for a satisfying "second course."

Five shillings will be paid for all recipes published. They should be written on a postcard and addressed to "Housewife," "The People," Acro House, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, to reach me not later than Wednesday, July 3.

Here are last week's prize-winners:—

SAVOURY CUTLETS
INGREDIENTS: 1 large onion, 1/2 teaspoonful milk, 1 oz. semolina, 2 portions cheese, salt and pepper to taste.

Fry chopped onion in margarine in saucepan. Add milk, salt and pepper. When onion is soft draw to side of heat and add semolina, making into a stiff paste. Turn out on plate and flatten to inch in thickness. When cold cut into four. Place a portion of cheese between each pair of quarters, press together. Cover well with breadcrumbs and fry in hot margarine. Serve with either fried bread, left-over potatoes, eggs or tomatoes.

Can be prepared overnight and fried in morning. Post about four.

NORWEGIAN PATTIES
DISOLVE a meat cube in a tea-cupful of water. Soak a thick slice of bread in this, beat up with a fork and add 1/2 lb. sausages, 1/2 lb. finely chopped parsley, salt and pepper to taste.

Add a well-beaten egg and make into patties. Cook with breadcrumbs and fry to a golden brown. Serve with tomato sauce.—Mrs. E. Beynon, 3, Grange-place, Swansea.

APPLE SAVOURY
INGREDIENTS: 2 large apples, 1/2 lb. sausage meat, breadcrumbs, 1 egg, croutons of bread.

Mix the sausage meat with some breadcrumbs and make into flat cakes. Dip them in beaten egg and breadcrumbs and fry a golden brown. Keep hot. Peel and core the apples whole, cut into thick rings, dip in egg and fry in bacon fat, turning each ring once.

Have ready some fried croutons of bread.

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The Boy King of Bahiti—Episode No. 5 JETSU'S PLOT

WHILE David ruled the natives of Bahiti Island kindly and wisely with the help of Barney, Jetsu, the white boy, native plotted to kidnap the boy and his friend. Jetsu hated David.

"I would have been made king of the island if the white boy had not come," he muttered darkly, as he made his way to the shore at midnight.

As he hid behind a rock a canoe slowly approached the beach and when it sailed on to the moonlit sand a dark figure sprang out and ran swiftly to the rock.

"I have come," said the man from the canoe.

"Good, O Warrior of Taska," cried Jetsu softly, "let us sit here and talk. Now, thou understand my signals, yes?"

The native from Taska Island nodded his head. "I understood," he said, "and I took thy message to my King."

"What does thy King say?" asked Jetsu eagerly.

"My King commands me to tell thee that he will help thee to kidnap the white boy and his friend," replied the man, "but his Majesty demands a suitable reward."

"He shall have it," murmured Jetsu. "What does thy King ask?"

"He asks that half of Bahiti Island shall be given unto him."

"That is what my King demands, otherwise his Majesty will not help thee in thy plot."

"I will pay," said Jetsu. "After thou and thy tribe have helped me to kidnap the white boy and his friend to Taska Island, I will give thy King half of Bahiti Island and I shall be king of the other half."

"So be it," said the native of Taska Island. "When shall we begin, O Jetsu?"

"Tomorrow," came the reply.

Will Jetsu succeed in his dark plot? Don't miss next week's thrilling episode.

Famous Men and Women—No. 1 THE GIRL WHO LAUGHED WHEN SHE WAS IN DANGER

WE all like to read about men and women who have done wonderful things. So this week I am starting a new series of little stories about them. The first is about the girl who laughed when she was in danger.

Her name was Grace Darling. She



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LIKE most middle-aged men in sedentary occupations, I can't afford to play tricks with my digestion. Often, though, these wartime days, I get my meals irregularly. Again, I'm fond of a spot of fishing and, many a week-end, I live almost entirely on sandwiches. But my stomach never worries me. I just take a Cicfa Tablet with my first mouthful of food. So, both my stomach and my intestines get the help they need as soon as they need it and my digestion is normal from the start.

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CLUES ACROSS

- To support this, clear understanding is necessary.
- Ending this is good for the figure.
- Unless wing men are well this is the centre-forward, there's not likely to be many goals.
- One taste of this should be enough for anyone.
- To declare to be untrue.
- What coppers are used for.
- According to this one is preparing, one will boil, grill, bake or fry.
- Animal.
- Bills are often shown with a this supporting programme.
- Salvage.
- One can reckon on there being a this when electric light suddenly goes out.
- Size is an important consideration when making this.

CLUES DOWN

- People sometimes this about when they are in the dark.
- This turnover may be the result of expert cooking.
- If there's not enough money in the exchequer those with less important claims will have to wait.
- Men who this, are interested in some game or other.
- People often this for a certain piece of information.
- Approached.
- One who rustles.
- Often after great exertion one feels like a this.
- Workmen usually this to get higher wages.
- Certain kind of these have sugar in them.
- Towards the stern of vessel.

One letter only must be written in each square in the coupon, which must be completely filled in to ink using block letters. Entry fee for one or two squares is SIXPENCE. For three or four squares send 1s. For each additional two squares send further SIXPENCE. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd. and cross it /s. Co., Write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O. and fill in number upon Entry Form(s). Envelopes must be sealed and bear correct postage. No claims in this competition in any one week. Competitors submitting more than this will be disqualified and entry fee forfeited.

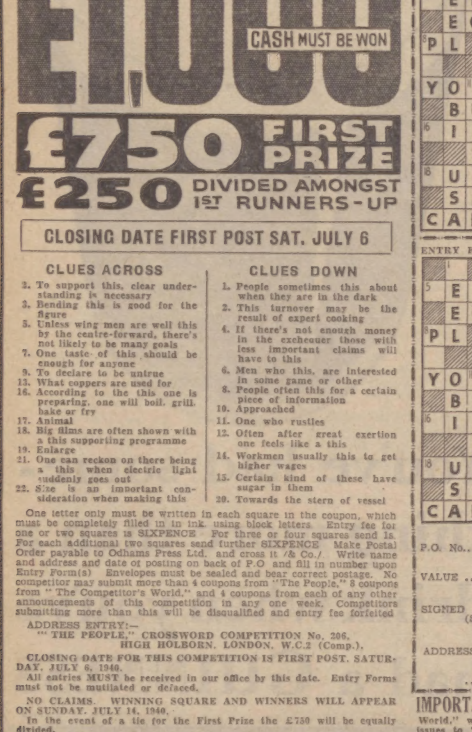
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MARSHAL BALBO KILLED

Rome, Saturday.

THE REPORT OF THE DEATH OF MARSHAL BALBO IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED IN A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE THIS MORNING WHICH SAYS THAT HIS MACHINE WAS BROUGHT DOWN IN FLAMES, YESTERDAY, DURING AN "ENEMY" RAID ON TOBRUK.

The text of the communique says: "While flying over Tobruk during a British bombardment, an aircraft piloted by Marshal Italo Balbo fell in flames. Italo Balbo and the members of his crew perished.

"Flags of the armed forces of Italy are lowered as a sign of



MARSHAL BALBO

homage and high honour in memory of Italo Balbo, volunteer Alpino of the World War, Member of the Quadrivirato of the Revolution, ocean flier, Marshal of the Air, fallen in battle.

Shortly before the Fascist March on Rome on October 28, 1922, he was appointed by Mussolini Commander of the Black Shirt Militia, and after coming

into power the Duce allotted to him the task of organising the Italian Air Force.

In 1929 Balbo was appointed Italian Air Minister, a post hitherto occupied by Mussolini himself, and in December of the following year he commanded a mass formation flight of 12 Air Force machines across the Atlantic to South America. This flight was followed in the summer of 1933 by a still more spectacular flight in which the Marshal led a mass formation of 24 seaplanes from Italy to the U.S. via Iceland, Newfoundland and Canada to Chicago, returning via the Azores.

In this undertaking two seaplanes were lost, one at Amsterdam and the other at the Azores.

VISIT TO EGYPT

Shortly after his return he was promoted to the rank of Marshal, and three months later, in November, 1933, he resigned his post as Air Minister and was appointed Governor of Libya.

Two years ago, after an official visit to Abyssinia, Marshal Balbo paid a visit to Nairobi, Kenya, where he was entertained at Government House.

The following year he paid a three days' visit to Cairo, where he was received by King Farouk and met Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador.

In an interview with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Marshal Balbo gave an assurance of Italy's friendship for Egypt and affirmed that the Italian forces in Libya constituted no menace to Egypt.

Marshal Balbo was a man of tremendous vigour, a great disciplinarian and a dominating personality.—Reuter.

GERMAN LINER'S DASH FROM PORT

Mexico, Saturday.

The 6,334-ton Hamburg-America German liner Havelland made a surprise departure from the Pacific port of Manzanillo today, where she has been since October.

She has left for Vladivostok with a cargo of copper, lead and other war essentials, understood to be destined for Germany.

Mystery Of Russian Advance

TANKS PAST NEW BORDER

CUT OUT GLOOM—OR SHUT UP

A BRADFORD business man has had the following printed on the menu of his works canteen:—

Rumour-mongers and PESSIMISTS are NOT WANTED.
Think VICTORY and MAKE VICTORY. IF YOU CANNOT BE CHEERFUL, DAMN well shut up.

On the desk of a Bradford wool merchant is a bronze plate with the words:
If your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where.

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ISLANDERS KILLED

THIRTY-EIGHT people were killed in the German air raids on the militarised Channel Islands on Friday night, it was stated last night.

In Guernsey 29 were killed, including four women; and in Jersey nine. The victims were:

GUERNSEY
Men.—H. G. Lecheminant, J. W. Mathy, Samuel de Jausserand, John Washington Walker, George Edward Brehaut, Basil Thomas Anson, E. Renouf, Gerald Alfred Heaume, Frank le Page and two sons, Charles Stutchman, Frederick Gilmore, Henry Ingrouille, Jack Hardivel, Joseph Way, Police Constable Bougourd, John E. Farre, Walter Fare, Frank de Caris, Herbert Cambridge, and four men not yet identified.

Jersey
Women: Alice Brehaut, Mrs. Ferbrache, Daisy May Robert, Amy Louise Robert.

Men: J. Adams, Thomas Pilkington, John Mager, Harold Hobbs, Robert Fallis, R. Coleman, Serrant, L. Bryan.
Woman: Mrs. Farrell.

About 90 per cent. of the 93,000 population of the Channel Islands were evacuated to this country a week ago. Most of them are in Bolton and Glasgow.

NAZIS WARN THE AMERICAS

Berlin, Saturday.

THE publication "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo," issued under the auspices of the Nazi Foreign Office, published an article today warning the North and South American Republics that their present attitude might determine the future economic relations of the "New Europe" with the Americas.

The article was sanctioned by Von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister.

The article said that Germany controls the huge European market, and indicated that the Nazis intend to try to organise this market in a manner depending on "whether we must in the long run deal with a friendly or a hostile America."—A.P.

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HITLER'S PLAN TO CONQUER BRITAIN

Even if we suppose the impossible, and agree that Hitler could close most of our ports, it has to be remembered that we have been blockading Germany for ten months, and that since Italy has entered the war that blockade has been intensified.

And his blockade of us has not yet started—even if it ever does. We know how short he is of oil, and many metals, and food. Our supplies of oil are enormous. So are our reserves of food. With regard to all other war materials, I must not disclose secrets. But we have no need to worry unduly.

ATTACK ON INDUSTRY
Field-Marshal Goering has warned Hitler that if British aircraft production continues at its present scale, within three months we shall have an air force superior to Germany's—in numbers as well as quality.

To try to prevent this accession to British strength, Point Two in the Hitler plan is to try to smash our war industries, beginning with the aircraft factories and following on with the gun factories, tank factories, shipyards, and shell factories. Again, we need not worry unduly.

Plans for the "grand assault"—the invasion of Britain's soil—have already been worked out by a Joint General Staff of the German army, navy and air force in detail. Measures include:—

BOMBARDMENT OF BRITAIN BY BIG GUNS. The installation of these guns has already begun on the cliffs near Calais. They are powerful guns, of long range. But they are not much good unless they can fire. And the trouble about this part of the plan at present is that our Air Force is bombing the gun emplacements as work proceeds.

LARGE-SCALE AIR RAIDS. These will undoubtedly come—most probably by night, when the bombers have a better chance of getting through. But they also have a lesser chance of hitting their targets.

Even at night, however, our balloons, fighters and gunners have shown that they can shoot the Germans down. And if they should come by day, our defences are such that the German losses can be reckoned in hundreds.

TROOP-CARRYING PLANES. Hitler is reported to have at least 1,000 of these.

BOMBING OF AERODROMES. This is certainly being tried, to prevent our planes from intercepting raiders. But here, again, defensive measures have been taken. It would not do to say what they are.

LANDING OF TROOPS BY U-BOATS.—This will be attempted at certain lonely spots on the coast. A few dozen men may be landed on dark nights. What will happen to them afterwards is best known to our coastal defences, which include large numbers of men back from the B.E.F., eager to get their own back.

LANDINGS FROM MOTOR BOATS.—This is also to be expected. And landings from flat-bottomed boats, of which Hitler has thousands concentrated on the shores of Norway, Holland and Belgium.

But everything is ready for receiving the invaders, assuming that they manage to run the gauntlet of the British Navy and the R.A.F.'s North-Sea and Channel patrols.

Hitler has already chosen the spots for his attempted landings.

One of the plans is for German warships out at sea to put a "box barrage" of gunfire round the whole area where the landing is to be made, to prevent British troops from getting to grips with the landing parties. That, also, has been thought of by our staffs.

There is no doubt, in the minds of the people now responsible for Britain's defence, that:

Hitler will not be able to effect any large-scale invasion. Any small groups that might land will be very quickly mopped up, even if they bring small tanks with them in their planes and boats, as is likely.

The British Navy is still the biggest in the world. There are nearly 2,000,000 men under arms in this country, well distributed, and including hundreds of thousands who have already proved themselves, in close combat, to be better men than the Germans.

Our Air Force will be "fighting on its own ground," close to its bases, with all the advantages that that confers.

Enemy Claims 'OVER TWENTY AEROPLANES DESTROYED'

YESTERDAY'S Italian communique, as broadcast from Rome, claims that a 10,000-ton enemy ship has been sunk and 20 enemy planes have been destroyed.

The communique reads:—"One of our submarines has sunk by torpedo and gunfire an armed ship of 10,000 tons which was travelling in convoy."

In North Africa a very effective bombing raid was carried out over an airfield south of Mersa Matruh. Troops were machine-gunned, equipment hit and more than 20 enemy planes destroyed on the ground.

All the Italian planes returned safely.—Reuter.

CAROL ASKS HITLER FOR ADVICE

AS SOVIET TROOPS CONTINUED THEIR MARCH INTO BESSARABIA AND BUKOVINA, IN NORTHERN RUMANIA, YESTERDAY, IT WAS REPORTED IN ROME THAT SOME OF THE RUSSIANS HAD ENTERED TERRITORY WHICH HAD NOT BEEN CEDED TO THEM.

2 PLANES CAPTURED

And Italian Oil Dumps Fired

THE R.A.F. in the Mediterranean zone have destroyed petrol and bomb dumps, captured two Italian planes, damaged other planes on the ground and attacked a submarine.

Petrol dumps at Macaca, Eritrea, were successfully raided, says the official communique from Cairo.

Low-flying attacks were made with bombs and machine guns, and five hours later the main dump was still burning. The others had burned themselves out.

"It is believed that the greater part of the petrol stock at this aerodrome was destroyed."

"Bomb dumps were similarly attacked, very heavy explosions resulting. Military huts nearby were also hit, extensively damaged and left burning. All our aircraft are safe."

"In the western desert an effective raid was made on El Gubbi aerodrome. Bombs burst among huts and aircraft gathered round the refuelling point. A large petrol fire was started, causing a smoke column rising to a thousand feet."

"Photographs subsequently revealed direct hits on the aircraft, a tented camp and the refuelling point. The enemy were taken by surprise. Our casualties were nil."

"An enemy fighter and one Ghibli aircraft are reported to have been captured at Sidi Aziz after being damaged by a fighter."

"Mersa Matruh was raided by the enemy and a number of bombs were dropped. The damage was slight."

"Our fighters engaged the enemy over Malta. One enemy bomber was shot down. A flying-bomb reconnaissance flight located an enemy submarine, which was attacked. The result is not known."—Reuter.

According to an official Stefani News Agency message from Bucharest, one column of Soviet tanks engaged in the occupation crossed the line stipulated in the Note from M. Molotov to the Rumanian Government at a point south of Hertha in the department of Dorohol.

"For the moment," the message said, "it is impossible to state whether this was due to a lack of precision in the orders given to the commanders of the Soviet troops engaged in the occupation or whether it indicates an intention on the part of the Soviet to occupy a larger zone than that which has been demanded by M. Molotov."

CAROL'S MESSAGE

King Carol of Rumania yesterday appealed to Hitler for advice in dealing with further territorial demands.

The King had before him reports that:

Bulgaria had formally requested the return of the Dobrudja, ceded to Rumania after the Great war;

Hungary, claiming the return of Transylvania, was moving troops towards the Rumanian border.

Later it was reported that a German General attached to the German Legation in Bucharest had left for Berlin by air, with a Rumanian Note and a memorandum from the German Minister.

During the night a general mobilisation had brought the Rumanian army, navy and air force up to full war strength.

CONFUSED

Diplomatic sources in Washington believe that the Russian move is a precautionary measure, designed to strengthen the Soviet position before Germany is able to reorganise the Balkans.

"The opinion in Washington is that the threatening Balkan confusion may delay the German action against Britain."

"The impression that the Russians have thrown an awkward monkey wrench into Herr Hitler's machinery for the redistribution of the world is too strong to be resisted," says the New York "Herald Tribune."

Evidences of surprise and disarray in the arrogant and usually smooth-working Nazi machine seemed too many to be disregarded.

"The Russians have certainly cracked the whole of South Eastern Europe wide open, at a moment when both the Nazi and Fascist policy seemed most plainly directed towards keeping that area quiet."

"The Soviet advance towards the control of the Danube and the Rumanian oilfields on the very eve of the Battle of Britain—a battle which may well turn on available supplies of aviation gasoline—cannot be a matter of indifference to Berlin."

The Soviet radio, describing the entry of the Red troops into Bessarabia, said: "The ancient dream of the people of Bessarabia has been realised."

"They are greeting the Red army with bouquets and hugging and kissing the soldiers, shouting meanwhile, 'For 23 years we have been waiting for this day.'"

GERMANS BOSS PARIS RADIO

New York, Saturday. AN announcement from Paris, revealing for the first time that the Paris wireless station is being operated by the German army, has been picked up by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The German announcer declared: "The announcer and all the men working there are soldiers in grey uniforms."

This was followed by the announcement of an entertainment by a soldiers' choir.—Reuter.

U.S. FINGERPRINTS 3,500,000 ALIENS

Washington, Saturday. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT today signed a Bill which requires the registration and the taking of fingerprints of about 3,500,000 aliens in the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt expressed the hope that no "loyal aliens" would be subjected to embarrassment by this order, but he added "with those aliens who are disloyal and bent on harm towards this country, the Government through its law enforcement agencies will deal vigorously."

The Bill prohibits dissemination of doctrines aimed at the forcible overthrow of the Government, and drastically penalises attempts to incite disloyalty in the armed forces.

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